

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1910

ANOTHER hitch has occurred in the plan to raise the battleship Maine sunk at Havana barbor in 1898. Congress recently appropriated \$100,000 to raise the vessel, but according to a statement given out yesterday by the War Depart. mant, it may take half a million dollars or more to defray the cost of raising the wreck. Secretary of War Dickinson yesterday called the attention of the House to a letter to him, dated last Satu day from Chief Engineer Marshall, of the army, saying the work could not be done for the \$100,000, nor can the amount be "economically and effectively expended in initial work." General Marshall said the best plan would be to build a coffer dam around the wrack and of the United States. Rev. Dr. Greene, pump it out, thus permitting the removal of the bodies and a thorough examination of the hull. Secretary Dickin sen makes no recommendation. The Maine will never be raised so long as some meni now in authority have their way, for the reason that it might be shown that the ship was blown up from the inside.

A GENERAL strike of the members of the Clerks' Union of the Norfolk and Western Railway system, involving 600 men, was ordered at Roanoke yesterday by the general committee of the union. The demands made upon the company of lives. Estrada has refused to surrender by the clerks included a 10 per cent and a struggle seems inevitable. raise in salary, classification of clerks, seniority of promotion, 30 days' leave of absence limit, annual vacation with pay, one hour for meals, right of appeal in case of discharge or discipline, annual passes to be granted to clerks after five years of service, excuse from duty as far as possible on Sundays and holidays. The demands were refused, the company evidently believing that should they be complied with the next demand would be that rach clerk be made a director in the company and be given a block of stock.

CONGRESS has been asked for an appropriation of \$9,000 in order that the State, War and Navy Departments may go into the ice business. The claimed that ice manufactured by private intercets is so expensive that this its own supply. In a communication orders to bringing the naval supply fund addressed to the Senate yesterday, secretaries Knox, Dickinson and Meyer join in a request for the appropriation. They want \$5,000 with which to install an ice making machine in their building, and \$4,000 with which to build a foundation for it. Should the government go into the ice business it will not take long to show that government made ice in the most expensive that was ever

ATTORNEYS for the "defense" in the Ballinger investigation are today ecgaged in a process of calming down Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general for the Interior Department. On the stand yesterday Lawler was so explosive in his wrath and so bitter in his denunciation of the "prosecution," including James R. Garfield, Gifford Pinchot, Glavis and Kerby, as to nullify what. ever effect his testimony had as to facts. He made the worst witness Secretary Ballinger has yet bad, because of his insbility to control his temper. The snavest of questions brought forth torrents of abuse from Lawler, and he even went so far at one time to yell that Attorney Brandels was a liar. The Brazil and the Argentice Republic the uncontrolled anger of Lawler was in striking contrast to the quiet force'ulness of Steangrapher Frederick M. Kerby Even Ballinger partisans admitted he was the best witness for the "prosecution" which has yet testified before the committee. L. R. Glavis had weeks of preparation and study before he told his story. Naturally he made a spletdid witness.

As anticipated the Alabama state democratic convention declared yesterday for local option, a liberal stitude toward capital, the repeal of any of the drastic prohibition laws of the present legislature that invade the rights of trial by jury, and more effective and protective mining laws. Of the prohibition policy, Emmett O'Neal, nomines for governor, in his speech of acceptance, said: "If the policy of state-wide prohibition is to be maintained, we must purge from the states those provisions which invade constitutional guarantees and violate well established legal rights." The Alabamians appear to be coming to their sober senses again.

ALTHOUGH the election for the next governor of Virginia will not be held for over three years yet at least five candidates for the position are already in the field. These gentlemen evidently believe that the early bird catches the worm. Instances are known, however, when the early bird has been caught.

Returns from yesterday's election in Denver indicate that the wets have carried the city by at least 15,000 majority. The council will be heavily democratic. ver Col., yesterday the city went wet. vices are being held today. For two was not a candidate.

From Washington. Washington, May 18

Charles O'Neil, private soldier now inder death watch at Fort Leavenworth Prison for the killing of his sweetheart Mionie Shardeno, today was given a commutation of sentence by President Calt. He will serve a life sentence for be killing.

At the request of Senator Perkins, he naval appropriation bill was today ecommitted by the Senate to the committe on naval affairs. Mr. Perkins said it was desired to include some smendments not made a part of the bill when reported.

President Talt today sent word to the Senate insurgents denying the stories now in circulation, that the president in conferences with regular senators and with newspaper men has attacked the intu gents in language more emphatic

than polite. A feature of the great international Sunday school convention, which will begin its sessions here tomorrow and continue for a week, will be an immense parade of adult male Bible class members. It is expected that fully ten thousand delegates will be in line, representating practically every country of the world. They will march down Pennsylvania Avenne to the Capital where they will be reviewed by the execu ive officers and the many women delgstes. President Taft will deliver an address of welcome to the delegates tomorrow night and Mr. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, will greet hem on behalf of the Sanday schools of this city; Rev. Dr. J. Munroe Gib. son, of Eugland; Bishop Yoitsu Honds, of Japan, and Bishop Joseph C. Hartsell, of Africa, will also make address: s. Meetings will be held during the week at every church in this city conducted by pulpit orators from all corners of the

Commander Gilmer has served notice on the commanders of the Madriz and Estrada forces and on Irias for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of Americans, foreigners and non-combatants. The reasons for this action are that there are no armed forces in Biuefields itself and the bombardment of the city could only result in the destruction of property and the useless endangering

The resignation of Rear Admiral Rogers, which Secretary Meyer has dropped like a bomb into the ranks of who have opposed his reorganization plan will probably have its attermath in Congress before the incident is entirely closed. The majority of the members of the congressional committees have been in opposed to that of the line, and it is quite likely that they will want to know why the paymaster general has been deposed. Such sction would probably avert the skake up in the bureau of supplies and accounts save some of subordinates to Admiral Rogers who are threatened with the wrath of the secretary. Despite the assertion that the reason for the custing of the paymaster general do not antedate March 2, there is a general unwillingness to believe that his opposition to the Meyer reorganization plan secretaries of these departments have and his open criticism of it before the congressional committees before that time did not have much to do with it Secretary Meyer insists that Admiral Rogers' government will save money by making downfall is due to his refusal to obey his within the legal limits and the inefficiency

of the accounting system of the bureau. But before the illegality of the present supply fund was discovered it was intimated that Paymaster General Rogers would go. Rear Admiral Capps, the chief constructor of the navy, was under the ban for the same reason, but he did not carry on the fight, apparently with the same persistency as Admiral Rogers. Whatever the results, the line and staff fight is likely to be carried to Congress and break out with renewed vigor. Many naval officers are on the anxious seat,

and numerous orders for sea duty are expected.

A republican cincus to consider to postal savings bank legislation will be held in the House early next week. There is some difference of opinion among the republicans as to the provisions of the bill and the leaders hit upon the caucus plan rather than to bring the bill into the House until the rne republican sentiment unknown.

While returning from a political meeting near Wheeling, W. Va., early today the automobile containing U. S. Senator Scott, and several state politicians, dashed over a high embaokment and all the occupants were injured. Senator Scott was considerably bruised. but his injuries are not serious.

Through a tripartite offer of mediation on the part of the United States, war crisis between Peru and Ecuador has, it is believed, been averted. It is reported that both countries are ready to accept if they have not already accepted

Frederick M. Kerby, the stenographer who was discharged by Secretary Ballinger for making public the facts concerning the preparation of the famous "Lawler draft" of the president's letter exonerating Ballinger, went to the Interior Department this afternoon and cleared by death. Kerby was greeted cordialcleared his desk. Kerby was greeted cordia ly by his former fellow workers and his visit was without any untoward incident. He

Charged with Unbecoming Conduct. Manila, May 18 - Under arrest in quarters at Fort McKinley, Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Ames was tiday served with charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and prejudicial to mili- pected to be doubled and the minister tary discipline and will be court mar-

This action follows the verdict of the civil authorities that Lieutenant Clarence M. Janney, of Colonel Ames' regiment, the Twelftn Infantry, committed suicide during a dinner party and dance at Colonel Ames' house on March 12. There were ramors that the lieutenant had been killed, but the civil investigators and a court of inquiry agreed that he killed himself.

There were also rumors at the time of trouble between the colonel and Lieutenant Janney, because of the former's alleged attentions to the wife of his menus are provided and like the revals subordinate.

Refused to Obey Strike Order

Lynchburg, Va., May 18-Olerka in the local offices of the Noriolk and West ern Railway today refused to obey the strike order issued by the union officials to enforce demands for a shorter work day and increased wages.

In a local option election held in Den-

Excitement About Comet.

congregated on the streets and prayed in the fields and ran to their churches. loudly for deliverance and salvation. In several of the churches in the vicinity, where the negroes are even more superbeing held in an endeavor to avert by prayer the calamity which all seem to come tonight, and they will believe is certain to follow the contact of intervening time in prayer. the earth with the tail of Halley's comet

tional feeling. Negroes of one faith believe that those of his faith alone will be saved. As a result Baptista are urging Methodasts to come over and vice versa. Both are using streamons efforts to pursuade non-church members to "get religion" and their efforts are meeting with no small success.

Marked evidence of the effect of the comet on the morals of the population of color was shown by the police court docket this morning. Usually crowded every variety of petty offences, today found this court almost empty. For the present at least the petry thievery and drunkeness has been done away with. Negro saloons and resorts might as well close their doors, for there are no customera

All this, however, is severely felt by the whites, many of whom were hard put this morning to secure their breakfasis.

Servants failed to put in their sp pearance, nor could any amount of coaxing persuade them to return to their menial duties.

Dee, honey, I got to look after mab scul, an' I'm got no time for nothin' else," was the way one old mammy expressed herself when implored by her mistress, a young Richmond society to work. And this seems to be the general at itude among the darkeys.

The more educated class of negroes are disgusted with what they term "dem fool carryins' on," and have attempted to rout superstition with many more or and accounts of the Navy Department. less fessible arguments. Their efforts will resign within the next lew weeks. are generally fatile.

Jacoby, Rutherford Professor of Astronomy at Columbia University, writes as the recalcitrant staff officers of the navy follows for the United Press: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating, his downfall. In naval circles it is gen-and the proof of astronomy is in what erally believed that his regimentian will happen tonight when the earth will probably pass through the comet's tail. Astronomers have made their deducsympathy with the staff point of view, as tions as accurately as they knew how, but everyone will have personal knowledge of the exact truth by midnight.

"The comet can no longer be seen in the morning sky. Henceforth it will be visible only in the western sky in the the steel tru t plant. Fourteen men were evening directly above the point where the sun sets.

"This appearance will take place every night for aix weeks beginning tomorrow. The clearness with which the comet may be viewed will depend on the blackness of the skies. The moon, which will be full by May 24, will interfere with the view until that date. During the first glory then it will gradually disappear. the front wall of the room and demolish-

"By the end of June the comet will ed a cot have disappeared not to return for 75 The larger part of one of the boilers, years. The current visit had aroused weighing several tons, was buried one the greatest popular interest and astroncmers expect as a result there will be a stimulus in the science of astronomy which will bear fruit in new discoveries and inspire the young to follow Halley's | 300 feet away, tearing a bed to pieces. example.

"One benefit has resulted from the widespread discussion of the visitor, that is the world has been rid of much saperstition touching the end-of-the-world problem.

Wilkesbarre, Par. May 18 .- Determined to die with their wives and children in the event of destruction of the earth today by Halley's comet, thousands of miners in the anthracite region refused to go down the mines.

Boston, May 18. - The mooted question about the composition of the head of Halley's comet will be settled soon. according to Professor O. C. Vendell, of Harvard. There has been considerable dispute as to whether the head is solid or gaseous. "When the head of the comet passes

across the face of the sun," said Professor Wendell, "any solid matter will Orient should be able to determine definitely the composition of the comet. I expect no unusual phenomena as the earth passes through the comet's unless it be a reddish glow in the sky."

Harvard professors are unanimous in their declaration that the earth will pass unscathed through the comet's tail. Professor Pickering declares there

need be no fear from the comet. "A comet appears at least three times a year," he said today, and Halley's comet is no more baleful in effect than any other."

Paris, May 18 -French Astronomers have failed to resesure the public regarding the harmless nature of the cyanogen gas in the tail of Halley's comet, and handreds of people today raided the chemists' shops and bought their entire supply of oxygen gas, to be used to offset the feared effect of the cyanoger.

New York, May 18 .- All day revival services are in progress in a negro church district Tue chu c'i membership is expers to pay off a \$500 mortgage on bichurch. He is a great tellever in the m: terial benefits of the present visit of Hal-

ley's comet. He is not alone in that belief. Sellers the end of the earth have also resped a modest barvest through the comet sgitation. But the real barvesters, the men who will gather crops where no one ever

sowed before will reap theirs tonight. Root garden parties have engaged space at every big hotel tonight. Special that mark New Year's eve in this city, they include gastronomical triumphs of the hotel chefe. And tables can only lars" in Congress were renominated. be secured by those who buy wine. A

quart to each person is the minimum. Jackson, Miss., May 18 -The fact that the earth is to pass through the tail | Willis, who ran as an "insurgent," ot Misto Halley's comet tonight has aroused the superstitious scuthern darkey to feverish excitement and in many places throughout the south church ser- Touvelle, of the Fourth district, who

weeks the negroes have made the night Richmond, Vs., May 18 .- Negro ex- bide us with their shouting and singing. borters are holding services in the streets Msoy have dug cellars where they will here today working their auditors into hide tonight while the more superatitions paroxyisms of terror with dire prophecy have prepared for the end of the world, that the end of the world is almost at Peculiar phenomena appeared yesterday hand. Early this morning little bands afternoon in the heavens in the form of of superstitious black men and women an aurors. Negroes dropped their work

Atlants, Ga., Msy 18 .- A strange sect, numbering 300, who live in the hills outside of Atlants, today barricaded at ticus than here, special services are themselves in a cave there. They declare that the end of the world will come tonight, and they will spend the

The panic over the approach of the comet has spread to the convicts in the The fear while general, has resulted in federal prison here. For the first time the development of a marked denomina- in the history of the prison a class of convicts was confirmed today by the Oatholic bishop of this diocese, assisted by a number of pries's.

News of the Day.

Forest fires which have been raging in the Ridgway, Pa., for several days were today checked by showers but the damage is declared to be heavy.

Mr. James Barton Key, 57 years old, the only surviving male decendant bearwith men and women charged with lng the same name of Francis Scott Key, arthor of "The Star Spangler Banner, died Monday in New York, where he had been living for a number of yests.

Every guest of the Hotel Adams, at Phoenix, Ariz., destroyed by fire last night, is accounted for today. Only one satality resulted. Ralph Harvis, of Draper, S D., dropped dead from heart disease when the fire was discovered. The loss is estimated at \$27,000.

A resolution was adopted by the delegates today to the convention of American Association of Railroad Machanists at Cleveland, Ohio, authorizing the machinists on the Baltimore and Ohio to extend their strike into every branch of that railroad.

While trying to disectangle a cow caught by a fallen wire on a country woman whom she had nursed, to return road near Straustown, Pa., today, Wal ter Heister was shocked to death and John Graeff was probably fatally injured. The cow was killed.

Paymaster General Eustace B. Rogers, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of supplies Alleged improper management of the New York, May 18 .- Dr. Harold navy supply fund and disobedience of orders, amounting, in the opinion of Secretary of the Navy Meyer, almost to insubordination, are the main causes of demanded. Rogers' honesty or integrity are not questioned.

The Explosion in Canton,

Canton, Ohio, May 18 -Coroner H. A. March and American Sheet and Tin Plate officials today began an investigation of vesterday's boiler explosion at killed and several of the thirty injured

were near death this morning. To the force of its destruction the explosion added several unusual features. The body of Romane Boyer, Roumanian ash bauler, was blown like a cannon ball 700 feet from the plant through the front of a residence, teering cleanly through both walls, through the fence of and second week in June, it is likely, an adjacent yard and into the ground in the comet should be seen in all of is a forrow. It left a trial of blood along

weighing several tons, was hurled one thousand feet over the top of a building fifty feet high into a field beyond.

A twisted steel bar dropped like a bomb through the roof of a residence Assistant Superintendent Howard Rex declared the boilers were inspected recently, and found to be in good condi-

The first though of the foreigners was that Halley's comet hed hit the earth. For days toe approach of May 18 has been a foremost topic in the camp. When the concussion shook the ground and the flames lit up the sky, men, women and children joined in crying: "The comet!

The end of the world !" Condition Critical.

Toulon, May 18. - The condition of the fieberman who was assaulted by two officers of the United States cruiser New York when he tried to over-charge them for rowing them to their vessel, was much worse today, and his recovery is said to b doubtful.

The prefect maritime is investigating the complaint of the fisherman and will be distinctly visible. Observers in the make a full report to the commander of the New York. The names of the officers have not been disclosed.

Searching for Incendiaries.

New York, May 18 .- Every effort is being made by the police and fire marshal to apprehend the incendiaries who set fire to the house, 78 Sullivan street, early today, causing three deaths. The fire was marked by heroic rescues of most of the occupants by policemen and citizens who discovered the blaze. They declare that kerosene had been poured on the halls and stairs. The fire spread so rapidly that the inmates had to be taken out of the windows. Vincenzo de Blaso, his wife and eight-year-old daughter, Cars, living on the top floor were mittee on postoffices and post roads, was burned to death. Two sons, James and introduced to the House yesterday by Anthony, were rescued.

Battle Imminent.

Washington, May 18 .- The port of B'u field, Nicaragna, the last stronghold on the wes side, in the San Juan Hill of the insurgent; is awaiting bombardmert and the final battle is expected t:day. Consul Moffatt, in dispatches to declared today that he expected to take the State Department today reports that in enough money from the new worshipmen and mounted guos, arrived at four o'oclock on the afternoon of the 16th. riss demanded the surrender of Bluefields the custom house and the Bluff. The notice was served on Estrada consulate and the gunboat Paducah. If the demand is refused Bluefields and the Bluff witl be bombarded. The time has probably already expired and it is now believed the bat le is on.

OHIO POLITIOS.

In the Ohio primary elections yesterday a majority of the republican "regu-

Ralph D. Cole, republican representative from the Eighth district, was de-feated for a renomination by Frank B.

The democratic delegation in the low er house was renominated in a body, with the exception of Representative Sixty-first Congress. SENATE

oday the amendment offered by Senator Suith (rep., Mich.) was the pending question. It substitutes the House provision relating to the bringing and detense of suits in enforcing orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission for that offered by Senator Cummins and he clause in the pending messure.

The amendment was criticized at some length by Sanator Dolliver, who favored the retention of existing law.

Senator Hugher, (dem., Colo.) became augered at an intimation from Senator Bayner, that an amendment offered by him was against the shippers and for the benefit of the railroads. He denouoced the insinuation that he was aligned with any special interests and said such an allegation was unwarranted.

It was explained by Mr. Rayner that he had not questioned the motives of Mr. Hughes and that his reference did not apply to the Hughes but to the Smoot the army and navy about \$340,000,000 mendment.

HOUSE.

Today is calendar: Wednesday and the House is considering an act to amend the organic law of Hawaii.

Roosevelt Calls on King London, May 18 .- For the second time in three days Mr. Roosevelt today called on King George at Marlborough House. Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied Mr. Roosevelt, it being her first presentation to the king. The audience with the king lasted half an hour.

Reading proof on the book of his African hunt, a two-hours' drive in the parks and the return of the call of King Frederick of Denmark, were among the diversions today of Mr. Roosevelt.

Charged with Steeling a Beefsteak. Bichmond, Vs., May 18 - John Johns, alias "Nick Graves," was arrested here today charged with stealing a beef steat, valued at 85 cents, and when searched at the police station was found to have eight checks signed with the names of prominent business men of Richmond. The latter all deny any knowledge of the checks Johns does not know how to read or writs and disclaims any knowledge of how the checks came into his possession.

Virginia News.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, of Virginia, met at Murphy's Hotel in Richmond this morning to be in session throughout the day. Delegates from all parts of the state are present.

Sir. Moses Ezeklel, the sculptor who gave the new Jefferson statue to the University of Virginia, is expected at Charlo tesville in a short time and will stay for the uaveiling.

The alumni association of the University College of Medicine in Richmond, which was recently burned, has assamed all responsibility for the raising of funds for the rebuilding of the insti-

The Stratford Hotel at Petersburg, resterday made an assignment. Liabiliies are estimated at \$10,000. All property, real and personal, is to be disposed of to satisfy liens and claims. This hotel was recently purchased for \$35,000.

Former Judge Edward Mason Spilman died at his home in Warrenton subterfuge of manipulation. He is will yesterday aged 87, after a brief illness. the causty court. He is survived by member of his Cabinet to the hands of 11 children.

Messra. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant, this week, to citizens of this state, of the following patents: August Brantz, Richmond, chalk sharpening device; Chas. J. Mackerey, Newport News, valve for steam-!raps and the like.

RED MEN.

The Great Council, Independent Order of Red Men, opened in Newport News today, and will continue throughont Thursday.

An informal reception was held at the Newport Hotel last night. Today Mayor Maryus Jones welcomed the visitors to the city and there was other speech making.

Tonight the big parade of Red Men will be held. Norfolk and Portemouth Red Men will attend in large numbers, a special steamer baving been chartered to take them to Newport News. The Red Men of Hampton, York and Elizabeth City counties also will come in large numbers to take part in the parade. Thursday will be given over to the buziness sessions of the convention and that evening the guests will be taken on a trolley ride to Hampton and O'd Point.

The Alexandria representatives at the ccuacil are Walter S. Nicklin, the great sachem, who will be the presiding officers: J William May, of Seminole of conspiring not to give publicity to Tribe, No. 35, and A. J. Butcher, of the facts relating to the collection of the Osceola Tribe, No. 1.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

After weeks of inactice deadlock, followed by other weeks of consideration, conference and compromise, the House postal savings bank bill, as favored by the republican members of the comintroduced to the House yesterday by Representative Gardner of New Jersey. The bill will now be considered by the full committee and passed upon by the Republican caucus, after which it will be taken up in the House. The caucus probably will be held next week. The Democrats of the committee have had nothing to do with the making of the

TOO TALL AND TOO WIDE. When George T. Watterson, 22 years

of age, six feet six inches tall and weighing 350 pounds, appeared at the San Antonio naval recruiting station in of postal cards bearing representations of through the medium of the American Texas, and asked to be colleted, Frank R. Siegel, the officer in charge, nearly fainted. Reading of the regulations had no effect on the applicant; he was going to enlist in spite of the surplus avoirdupols, since he was physically fit otherwise. Siegel had his doubts, but Watterson insisted that he be examined. He was found physically pertect, and an effort is being made to see whether the weight limits can be stretched that Watterson may become a tar.

New York Stock Market.

New York, May 18 .- Prices in the majority of issues showed declines rang-ing from 1-8 to 1-2 at the opening of the stock market today, but at the end of fifteen minutes a steady tone prevailed. The market was intensely dull and there was no change in prices from the early quota-

ALL ARE FOOD CONSUMERS.

"The congestion of immigrants in the When the railroad bill was taken up cities where they are consumers is one of the first reasons for high prices. Close to a million of them will come in this year; 90 per cent of them will be consumers as distinguished from producers of food products." This assertion was made by Ormby McHarg, former assistant secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor at the opening of the ffiteenth angual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on Monday afternoon.

"Many of our farmers are going to the cities, and a great many others to the Canadian northwest under special inducements from Canada. This makes the advantage of the immigrant going to the farm apparent," be continued.

"Spend the price of a bat leship a year in placing our immigrants around and we will resp a national profit of untold millions. The government spends on annually and on the Agricultural Department only \$18,000,000. The goverament gives liberally to maintain two great national schools, which have for their purpose the training of young men to art of destruction. There is nothing quite so apparently foolish as this done even upon a cracker farm in the mountains of the south."

Most of the a'ternoon's session was devoted to the immigration problem and to suingistic speeches of the late James W. Vancleave, former president of the association.

BITTER ATTACK ON TAFT. In a statement given out in Washingon last night Gilbert M. Hitchcock, of Nebraeka, the democratic congressman whose sensational speech in the House last December practically forced through the resolution ordering the Ballinger-Glavis investigation, reviews the "disgraceful" developements that have followed and declares that "such a history of suppression, evasion and falsification in high places has never before been known in public life." He declares that in the defense of Ballinger "there has been committed the most wicked sacrifices of public servants, and directly attacks the president, asserting that "if ever there was a man drank with power to the point of folly, he is the one."

In his statement Mr. Hitchcock says: "The disgraceful developments in the Ballinger investigation within the last few days have astounded even those who took an active part in starting the in-

vestigation.

"At that time the most aggressive critics of the administration were not dis-posed to condemn the President personally as much as they were anxious to rid his administration and the public ser vice of a Cabinet officer charged with administering the Land Office in the in terest of the spoliators of the public lands. We were slow to involve the Presiden in the conspiracy, even though it involv ed his administration.

"Also in his defense there have been committed most wicked sacrifices of pub ic servants.

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. President Taft apparently is marked for their wrath. If ever there was a man drunk with power to the point of folly, he is the one. Rather than give up Ballinger he is willing to in-volve his administration in every imaginable scandal and resort to every trick and ing to sacrifice any number of good and

Practically no progress was made in the Senate yesterday on the railroad bill There was no vote on any amendments. Numerous new amendments were offered An amendment, offered by Senator Cummins, to give to the attorney general the conduct of the defense in court of cases brought by railroads to test the validity of orders by the Interstate Commerce Commission, was under consider ation. The allowance of \$3,000 a year for expenses to each member of the court of commerce was stricken cut and members of that court put on an equality with regard to compensation and allowances with the circuit court judges. Several amendments were offered including the physical Valuation of railroads and their property and the placing of telephone and telegraph companies under the control of the interstate commerce

commission. General debate on the aundry civil appropriation bill occupied the entire time of the House yesterday, and practically no legislative business was accomplished. The subject discussed ranged from the tariff and the tariff board to cotton

Campaign speeches were the order of the day. Representative Underwood waste sent them scurrying in all direcaccused the President and Chairman tions. Several thousand of the rodents Tawney, of the appropriation committee, the facts relating to the collection of the corporation tax.

THE INCOME TAX.

After an all-day fight, renewed last night with vigor, the New York Senste passed Senator Davenport's resolution ratifying the federal income [tax resolution by a vote of 26 to 20 It lacked one vote of the necessary 26 for several minutes, during which Senator Brackett's name was called twice. On the third call he cast the deciding vote for the resolution.

This probably means that same steps will be taken looking toward a renewal of the income tax fight in the assembly. Speaker Wadsworth, who dominates the rules committee, will use his utmost efforts to hold the Davenport resolution in that body, and it will be necessary to muster one hundred votes to discharge this committee.

Coleman Sentenced Boston, Mass., May 18-George W.

Coleman, former clerk in the National Oity Bank of Cambridge, was sentenced to 15 years at the Franklin Country jail and house of correction at Greenfield, Mass., by Judge Clarence Hale, in the United States Oircuit Court here today, Coleman had pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him on 78 counts of misapplication of \$309,000 of the funds of the bank and also of making false entries in the ledger and cash books of that in-

Seven Men Drowned.

St. Petersburg, May 18-By the capizing of a boat today in the Dnieper river, near Alexandrovsk, Ekaternoslav The boat struck a rock.

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Summit, N. J., May, 18-This city is threatened with an invasion of rats, because boys set sfire the city's dumping ground Sunday. The flames spread and worked deep into the mass of refuse. A force of men, under the direction of Street Superintendent Oeks, feught the flames all day Monday and resumed the futures and the neutrality of the Panama | battle yesterday morning. The dump was the home of hundreds of thousands of rats, and the streams of water and the burning were killed. It is feared that not only city dwellers here, but farmers throughout all this section, will suffer from the

Culpeper Monument

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Harrisburg, Pa., May 18 -A oncuncenent is made by the State Culpeper Monument Commission that it has chosen a pyramid, crowned with polished ball. as the design for Pennsylvania's memorial to her some who are turled upon the battlefield at Culpeper Court House, Virginia.

The memorial will be executed in Westerly gravite, and the contract bas been awarded to the Smith Granite Company, of Westerly, R. I. The pyramid will be more than twenty-four feet high. and the ball will be five feet in diameter. The cost will be about \$8,000.

It is estimated that, of the 1,300 federal officers and men turied at Culpeper, 300 are sone of Pennsylvania; 110 of them have been identified.

Life Fight With Maniac

St. Louis, May 18-Locked in a room of the Planters' Hotel in a desperate fight with a supposed manisc, Benjamin S. Wilson, a wholesale clothing merchant of Philadelphia, narrowly escaped death yesterday. Wilson was sealed at a table writting to his wife, when a stranger entered the room. He noticed the man seemed demented, and was terrified when the visitor locked the door behind him, after once leaving the room and returning. The man then attacked Wilson, and a battle ensued, which only ceased when botel attaches forced their way into the licked room. The man gave his name as John D. Porter, of Joplin, Mo, and was sent to the obserprovince, where seven of the ninety vation ward at the City Hospital. Ha workmen aboard the boat were drowned. laughed gleefully in reply to all questions.